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## GENUINE CHRISTIANITY

Mr. Moody on Regeneration and Righteousness.

### CHURCH IN PLACE OF CHRIST A SNARE.

At the Winter Circus on Monday Mr. Moody prefaced his sermon by saying that he was much encouraged by what he had seen of the evangelistic movement thus far. He believed that if the church would bestir itself now, it would succeed in the grandest work the country had ever seen. Without righteousness a republican form of government could not last. He was sorry to see that Sabbath desecration was increasing, and nothing but a good revival could put a stop to it. "If we ask God for a genuine work of grace He won't give us a counterfeit," said the Evangelist, "and I cannot believe that professions of faith made in revival meetings are mere gush and sentiment."

"I believe that the subject I shall present this afternoon is the most important one of this life. How many of you think that Jesus Christ taught the truth? All! Then this topic ought to be of interest to all of you. 'Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' Born again—born from the spirit—born from above. No man can force his way into heaven; he must be born into the kingdom. Better never to have been born than to live and die without being born in the spirit."

"There is a class of people who think that this doctrine is good enough to preach in the slums; good enough for drunkards, thieves and fallen women, but that educated people don't need to be born again. I have never met anyone so good that regeneration would not make him better. I've always thought that the elder brother in the parable of the prodigal son was the worst character in Bible history. When you meet a good Christian, who is mild if he is drunken man is set on his feet, put him down as an elder brother. Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people. Your 'elder brother,' if he could get to Heaven, would say to the first man he met: 'What were you when you were on earth?' 'On earth I was a thief.' 'A thief? Well, I don't want to have anything more to do with you; I'm a self-made man and can't associate with such people,' he'd say."

"Take one of your angelic people right here in this hall, and stamp his sins on his forehead. How quick he'd skip out of the house! Let a photographer come here to take pictures of your hearts. How many customers would he have? If a man's heart's wrong, he's wrong all over, and the doctrine of regeneration is taught to each of us. Has not God a right to say who shall come into his kingdom? 'To be born again is not to be baptized. A man told me last night that he thought all Americans were Christians because they were born in a Christian country. When I asked him if the man who cuts another's throat is a Christian because he is an American, he said he hadn't thought of that. When you put the church in the place of Christ it is a snare. Ministers would be surprised if they would catechise their people on this matter and see what ideas they have. Many think that because they have joined the church they must have been born again."

"When you are born of God, then you get a life from God distinct and separate from your first life. It's the greatest blessing this side of Heaven. A new light, a new joy, a new peace comes into your life. Take the word of God into your heart and become a partaker of the Divine nature. People ask me if they will have to give up their old habits when they become Christians. No! They won't have to give them up—they won't want them. The greatest blessing that can come to any of you this afternoon is to be born again."

The evening meeting, addressed by Evangelist Moody, was the last of the Winter Circus services to be held this year, and was attended by even a larger crowd than that which packed the house in the afternoon.

Mr. Moody took for his text that portion of the 25th chapter of Exodus, in which the Lord directs the children of Israel, through Moses, to bring offerings of gold, silver, brass and other materials for the construction of a sanctuary. "Now, if every one in this audience was willing to use what talents he had, just as the children of Israel contributed according

to their means, what a harvest we would reap for God this winter," said the evangelist. "Let every man and woman have a hand in building up the cause of Christ. We say we haven't strength enough to do God's work; why, we have too much strength—of our own. What we want is more of God's power and less of our own."

"Men marched around the walls of Jericho blowing rams' horns, and the walls fell. Here in Philadelphia you'd think a ram's horn wasn't good enough to do any work with, and you'd take up a collection to get your preacher a gold horn. The ram's horn fell the walls because God was in the work. In God's work it's use or lose; if you don't use your talents you lose them to lose them. People are constantly looking to human agencies instead of to Divine power. Was ever a man in Bible history sent by God to do anything that didn't succeed? Well, let God send you on your errand and you'll accomplish something for the cause. Take what you have, be it Dorcas needle, a ram's horn, Moses' rod, David's sling, the pitchers carried by Gideon's band or the jawbone of an ass: use it to the best advantage, and with God's help you'll succeed."

## BUSY QUEEN VICTORIA.

Very Considerate, Alas! Letter Writing. How she Gets the Daily News.

Queen Victoria's private letters number in the hundreds every year. She writes to her numerous relatives, forgetting to anniversary or occasion on which a letter might be welcome. The London Chronicle says that to the younger members of the royal family she never fails to send birthday gifts, accompanied by a few loving words of greeting. Every day the birthday book is consulted—not that birthday book in which singers, actors and other personages are asked to write, but that smaller volume reserved for relatives and intimates. Then there are numerous letters of a sympathetic nature which are written by the queen herself—letters of condolence, letters of congratulation to brides who have been connected with the court, letters to foreign monarchs. Besides all these duties, written in the blackest of ink on paper slightly edged with black, there are thousands which are penned by the private secretary and his assistants.

The queen's day begins early and ends late. After breakfast—a meal which she enjoys eating in the open air when possible—there are the newspapers and private correspondence claiming attention. With regard to the former, portions of The Times and other journals are read aloud to the queen by a lady specially appointed for this purpose. Very rarely does the queen comment on the news except in the case of a calamity, when her sympathy is quickly expressed in a telegram. Inaccuracy in an important newspaper as to royal matters gives the queen grave annoyance, and The Chronicle's writer has known an official to call and complain of the misstatement and demand a rectification. Not long ago an illustrated London paper gave a picture in which her majesty was represented as holding the arm of her Indian attendant. Within a short space of time a number of the royal household called on the editor to state the absurdity of such an error. "The queen is much annoyed at this mistake on the part of your artist, as it might give grave offense to important persons in India. She could never take the arm of a servant." This will show how closely she watches even the pictorial press. When a good illustration appears of any state function, it is a common incident for the artist to be requested to visit the queen, very likely to receive a commission.

## RUSSIAN WOMEN.

Not Long Ago They Were Treated as the Turkish Women Are.

It is curious to think what a short time it is since the emperors of Russia treated their womankind in the same way they are still treated in Turkey, says a writer in the Montreal Star. In those days the czar chose his wife from among his subjects, and she was never considered his equal. The matters were arranged in this way—on a certain day the nobles brought their young daughters to be looked at, and she who took the emperor's fancy was forthwith chosen to be his wife.

The princesses were kept with the same strictness as eastern princesses, and marriage only changed their place of residence, but gave them no more freedom. They were allowed occasionally to be present when guests were received, to whom they would hand a cup of wine and then retire to their apartments, there being a suit of rooms at the north side of the palace reserved especially for them.

If they were ill, the room was darkened before the doctor was admitted, and he was not even allowed to feel their pulse, and when they drove out the windows of their carriages had drawn curtains.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

Correcting Little Abuses in the Postal Service—Money Saved For Uncle Sam—An Exposed Man.

(Special Correspondence.) People who rent postoffice boxes in large cities have received recently notices to turn in their box keys and receive 30 cents of the 50 cents which they deposited on each, the keys to be returned. Lock boxes, while they are not used so much proportionately as in the time when free delivery was unknown, are still an important feature of the postal service. They are furnished by the postoffice.

First.—For postoffices in government buildings by the treasury department. Second.—At first and second class postoffices, the lesser, by agreement, the lease, usually furnishes the box outfit. Third.—Under existing law patrons of postoffices may provide lock boxes and lock drawers for their own use under conditions stated.

Fourth.—In all other cases boxes must be furnished and kept in repair by the postmaster.

Why Boxes Are Provided.

Boxes are not furnished by the government to postoffice offices of the third class except where offices of this class are in government buildings. At the present time 28 third class offices are situated in government buildings. Boxes are provided for postoffices to accommodate the patrons, for the convenience of the postmaster and as a source of revenue. Under existing law, the rate of deposit at postoffices located in government buildings was reduced on April 18, 1895, to 20 cents. At all other postoffices it was reduced recently to the same amount.

Key Deposits Forfeited.

Key deposits are collected by postmasters as a security against the loss of keys. The rate of deposit at postoffices located in government buildings was reduced on April 18, 1895, to 20 cents. At all other postoffices it was reduced recently to the same amount. Deposits on keys not returned within 30 days are declared forfeited and revert to what is known as the key deposit fund. The key deposit fund is used to purchase new keys to replace those lost, broken or withheld, which enables postmasters to keep up their full complement. In the past a surplus has accumulated under this account by reason of the fact that the amount deposited to cover the key was considerably in excess of its cost.

Loose Methods Corrected.

The amount involved in each transaction was small, and postmasters therefore did not give the matter the attention it deserved. In numerous instances postmasters were found to have received the amount of several hundred dollars at the expiration of their term of office by reason of loose methods. The department was compelled to take action in the matter and demand of them or of their surties that this amount be refunded. During the 15 months ended Sept. 30, 1896, surplus funds to the amount of \$16,436.97 have been turned into the United States treasury as miscellaneous receipts. The difficulties above referred to in the future will be obviated by the reduction of the key deposit to a uniform rate of 30 cents per key.

A Businesslike Department.

This is only one of many reforms which First Assistant Postmaster General Jones has brought about. In the past the postoffice department employed hundreds of thousands of men and women and spending so many millions of dollars every year it is impossible to prevent abuses and injustices. In one instance alone—hire of clerks at first and second class offices and special work in third and fourth class offices—\$11,000,000 is saved annually. Rent, fuel and light in first, second and third class offices cost \$1,600,000 a year. Last year inspectors were put at work examining the work done and equipping the matter and demand of them or of their surties that this amount be refunded. During the 15 months ended Sept. 30, 1896, surplus funds to the amount of \$16,436.97 have been turned into the United States treasury as miscellaneous receipts. The difficulties above referred to in the future will be obviated by the reduction of the key deposit to a uniform rate of 30 cents per key.

Has Understood Brewing.

It is said that while Lord Burton was recently traveling in Scotland a fellow passenger engaged him in conversation on the subject of brewing. Finding him well posted on the subject, the stranger observed: "Look here, my friend, you seem to know a good deal about brewing. I am a brewer down Brighton way. I want an active and promising man to act as manager under me and to push the business. I have no family, and if he does well there is a partnership ahead in the future. Now, is that a good offer?" "An excellent one," replied Lord Burton, "and I am only sorry that I cannot avail myself of it. This fact is that my name is Bass. I have a little brewery of my own down Burton way which demands all my attention."

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## A Funny Eagle.

A Russian grand duke, one of the czar's professors, was once the guest of a German prince. It was early in the century. In Russia the imperial double headed eagle is to be seen everywhere and on everything throughout the empire, stamped, painted, embroidered or sculptured. At that period the education of grand dukes was somewhat limited. This grand duke went out shooting in Germany and, among other things, shot a large bird. He asked an experienced huntsman who accompanied him what the bird was. "An eagle, your highness," was the answer. The grand duke turned on him in an irritated way. "How can it be an eagle," he asked, "when it has only one head?"—San Francisco Argonaut.

## The Heliotrope.

The heliotrope is an emblem of devotion. This idea was probably suggested by the curious habit presented by this flower of turning its face toward the sun. Moore's poetical line about the sunflower turning on her god where he sets the same look that she turned when he rose is not founded on fact. The sunflower is not a heliotrope and does not turn to face the sun.

## Old School Politician.

"Uncle Simon, what is old fashioned politeness?" "It is a way people used to have of asking a man about his health and then listening until he got through replying."—Chicago Record.

## \$100 Reward, \$100.

The reader of this page will be pleased to learn that the reward of \$100 is now being offered for the discovery of a cure for the disease known as Catarrh. The reward is offered by the Catarrh Cure, which is a new and powerful medicine. The cure is offered by the Catarrh Cure, which is a new and powerful medicine. The cure is offered by the Catarrh Cure, which is a new and powerful medicine.

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